

3 (New). A data processing system for administering a financial product having a known number of shares over a predetermined period of time, which financial product is traded as a security the price of which is determined on the basis of information about one or more securities, comprising:

a) a first computer processor means for selecting from said one or more securities a selected portfolio of securities, the risk/return performance of which over a predetermined period of time is superior to a predefined benchmark performance;

b) electronic data entry means for receiving information about each of said one or more securities;

c) a second computer processor means responsive to the electronic data entry means for determining the price of the financial product on the basis of information about securities in the selected portfolio and said fixed number of shares of the financial product; and

d) output means for outputting an indication of the determined price of the financial product in humanly readable format.

4 (New). The data processing system of Claim 3, wherein at least one of said one or more securities is a mutual fund.

5 (New). The data processing system of Claim 3 further comprising means for storing information about each of said one or

more securities.

6 (New). The data processing system of Claim 3 further comprising means for evaluating the performance of the financial product on the basis of comparing the risk/return performance of the financial product over a predetermined period of time to the predefined benchmark performance, and for providing the output of said means for evaluating to said first computer processor means.

7 (New). The data processing system of Claim 6 further comprising a third computer processor means for computing derivative values on the basis of the determined price of the financial product, said derivative values defining a derivative financial product.

Sub B' 8 (New). An electronic data processing method for administering a financial product having a known number of shares over a predetermined period of time, which financial product is traded as a security the price of which is determined on the basis of information about one or more securities comprising the steps of:

a) directing a computer processor to select from said one or more securities a selected portfolio of securities the risk/return performance of which over a predetermined period of time is superior to a predefined benchmark performance;

b) receiving information on each of said one or more

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securities in an electronic data format;

c) storing at least the received information on each security in the selected portfolio in a computer memory;

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d) electronically processing said stored information to determine the price of the financial product; and

e) outputting an indication of the determined price of the financial product in humanly readable format.

9 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 8 wherein at least one of said one or more securities is a mutual fund.

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10 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 8 further comprising the step of evaluating the performance of the financial instrument on the basis of comparing the risk/return performance of the financial instrument over a predetermined period  
5 of time to a predefined benchmark performance.

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11 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 10 further comprising the step of repeating steps a) to d) and using the results in said step of evaluating.

12 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 8, wherein the step of directing a computer processor to select comprises the steps of:

f) providing a database of information on securities

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available for trading;

g) electronically processing information in said provided database to identify securities the asset size of which is above a predetermined threshold; and

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h) electronically searching the identified securities to select a subset of N securities, the risk/return performance of which is superior to the risk/return performance of all identified securities.

13 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 12 further comprising the step of separating securities in the database into predefined investment style categories.

14 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 8 further comprising the step of computing derivative values on the basis of the determined price of the financial product, said derivative values defining a derivative financial product.

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15 (New). An electronic data processing method for administering a closed end financial product, which financial product is traded as a security the price of which is determined on the basis of information about securities in an existing capital market comprising the steps of:

a) directing a computer processor to select from said securities in the capital market a selected portfolio of securities the risk/return performance of which over a

predetermined period of time is superior to a predefined benchmark performance associated with the capital market;

b) receiving information on each security of the capital market in an electronic data format;

c) storing at least the received information on each security in the selected portfolio in a computer memory;

d) electronically processing said stored information to determine the price of the financial product; and

e) outputting an indication of the determined price of the financial product in humanly readable format.

16 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 15 wherein at least one of said one or more securities is a mutual fund.

17 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 15 further comprising the step of evaluating the performance of the closed end financial product on the basis of comparing the risk/return performance of the financial product over a predetermined period of time to a predefined benchmark performance of the capital market.

18 (New). The electronic data processing method of Claim 15 further comprising the steps of computing derivative values on the basis of the determined price of the financial product, said derivative values defining a derivative financial product.